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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500  
For Greg Wong

Dear Mr. Morales:

**SUBJECT: STANCOG 2000/01 FTIP AMENDMENT No. 4**

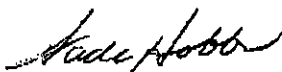
We have completed our review of the Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) Amendment No. 4 to its 2000/01 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) submitted by your letter dated December 22, 2000. The amendment was adopted by StanCOG on December 13, 2000. This amendment adds one State Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) project and one Congestion mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) project.

We accept this StanCOG amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that the amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). The changes made to the program by this amendment are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed. Therefore, we find this FTIP to conform with the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP).

This finding has been coordinated with the Regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Region Nine office of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in accordance with the procedures outlined on the Memorandum of Understanding on single mode FTIP amendment, dated March 8, 1996..

This letter also constitutes approval, and inclusion of StanCOG's FTIP Amendment No. 4 into California's 2000/01 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

Sincerely,



For  
Michael G. Ritchie  
Division Administrator